

## Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.,

ENGRAVER'S DEPARTMENT,

22<sup>nd</sup> July, 1887.

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Yours Daniel W. Foy  
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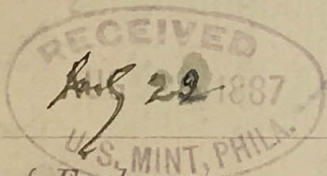
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

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Superintendent.

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